

THE EVENING STAR has the fullest local circulation of any newspaper in the world, and as an advertising medium is worth more than all the other papers published in Washington.

Some momentous news comes from Christiania, Norway's capital. In the present tension of European affairs the Norwegian demand for complete autonomy has been overlooked, but that demand may now be met. The situation there, as it affects immediately the northern nations. For some time past the Norwegians have insisted upon and have eventually obtained the surrender of such parts of the king's prerogative as relate to Norway. The leader of the independence party in Norway is Sten, who is known to King Oscar, not only by reason of this fact, but also because in his leadership Sten is harsh and abrupt of manner, with slight respect for kings or their prerogatives. Those who have kept up even in a cursory way with the history of the new national literature which has arisen in Norway since 1814 are aware that there has been a very steady advance in the movement to republicanism in that country, due to the liberal ideas of the poets and dramatists. One of the freest and most intelligent populations in Europe—the inferior of none in genuine pride and enterprise—the Norwegians have chafed over the small control exercised by Sweden. They have a separate legislature, local administration, war and navy departments, school system and other governing apparatus, but they claim the final exercise of sovereignty included in the proposing and making treaties with other nations. The declaration of a republic may occur very soon and form part of the movement by which certain northern nations ally themselves with certain southern ones to "rebuild" frontiers and make square the accounts of long ago. This movement is the more significant because it is a symptom of a general demand for an extension of rights and privileges which comes up from Great Britain's dependencies, the people of Belgium, the people of Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Italy, not to speak of such countries as Austria and Russia. In the phrase of the old party press in the United States, "the signs of the times are portentous."

After the Lenten season of special self-denial Washington humanity turns again to enjoyment of worldly things and to its old ways. The stringing influences of spring in the air and the vigor given to the reactionary movement. The merchant, real estate dealer and other business men organize and push spring "booms" with renewed energy. Feminine humanity throws self-denial to the Easter zephyrs and blossoms out in gay attire like the flowers that bloom in the spring. The wheels of "society" begin to move. Even the children feel the general impulse and defy punishment to revel in out-of-door pleasures from the business or gambling pastime of egg-picking for keeps to the social enjoyment of the annual egg-rolling on the White House grounds. This great outdoor Easter spree of the juveniles is wisely postponed for a few days this year, and the enthusiasm of the celebration will doubtless be all the greater for the additional season of restraint. The post-Lenten reaction which is felt by old and young, man and woman, and generally displays itself in harmless fashion, sometimes sweeps from his feet the feeble Christian, whose recent self-denial and special observance of the death and resurrection of Christianity's founder seem to exhaust instead of strengthening his religious vitality. There are some lessons of warning in this season of reaction.

Judge Thompson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who so ably represented the eleventh district until the McKinley bill raised him up, was recently found a grand reprobate regardless of politics in his own private life. He was a magnificent silver tea service. One feature of the occasion is thus noted by the local chronicler of the Times: "In the meantime the civil band again breathed forth its entrancing strains and a male quartet sang a vocal selection, while Brother Enoch J. Salt dragged the harmony out of the piano in large and quivering lungs."

Is lobster a codfish under the treaty of Utrecht? That is one of the Newfoundland questions presented. That is to say, the treaty only gave the right to the French to conduct such fishing off the French shore of the island as "which has at all times been acknowledged." And only a cod fishery had been acknowledged. On the other hand the French contend that a lobster is a fish and that all fish were caught and were to be caught there—if found.

The Farmers' Alliance in Illinois is now taking a hand in the world's fair by making an issue that the million-dollar appropriation for the state's exhibit be placed in the hands of the state board of agriculture for distribution. This concession may be made if the F. A. will agree not to require that the name be changed to the Columbian Pumpkin Show.

The democrats seem to have more objective "candidates" for the presidency than the republicans. Their announcement is Gov. Patton of Pennsylvania, who thinks that by his appointments he has secured the keys of the arch.

The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette advises the Farmers' Alliance to turn its attention to having agriculture taught in the public schools. The Commercial Gazette believes in educational campaigns apparently.

The Galena, having been floated off the rocks of Citty Hunk, should be run up into the interior and have a barn built over her to protect her from the rigors of the New England climate.

After all, the great seal of Connecticut was not on those papers and Gov. Davis rejected acting Gov. Bulkeley's resignation. Now let somebody tell that that great seal is any how.

Tennessee is whipping up the off horse to her chariot of progress by passing a bill providing that school directors shall be able to read and write.

The Farmers' Alliance may do for the solidity of the south what all the state legislatures since the war has failed in accomplishing—to wit, smash it.

There are 80,000 alliance men in Georgia who have practically forgotten that there ever was a war. There is food for contemplation in this fact to the leaders of the dominant parties.

Editors of country papers are now hinting to their subscribers that maple molasses, spring vegetables and cord wood are as good as cash on subscriptions.

The late Dr. Howard Crosby of New York was one of the most public-spirited citizens in the world. He was a practical and not a merely theoretical reformer.

A strange case—the Vicksburg Herald, leading editorial paper in Mississippi, condemning Cleveland on the ground that he is too trash on the tariff question.

Editor Data says the negro is growing blacker. He should have said the colored man is growing colder.

Connecticut avenue yesterday afternoon looked like a great string of flowers swinging in the sunshade.

The grip should change its name to weather-sickness.

The weather bureau put on an extra coat of varnish for Hester.

Now look out for a slump in the egg market.

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